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NINETY AND NINE NEWS

Ray C. Smith, President

SEEK YE FIRST THE KINGDOM

The attendance goal for the 1941 State Convention and Rally of the Ninety and Nine men of Oregon is set at 633. The date is Monday, October 13, 2:30 p. m. The place is Central Christian Church, Portland. Special music will be furnished by the Tan-Ditters, Claude Neely, D. L. Penhollow, Harold Entriken, N. C. C. singers, and Portland Airbase Soldier's chorus. Speakers will include B. ROSS EVANS in the afternoon and A. C. BATES in the evening. New officers will be elected and the program and budget for the next year's work will be presented. Don't fail to attend or SEND a man from your church.

Ross Evans Goes Again

Starting Monday, September 29, at the close of his meeting at Marshfield, Brother Evans will make another trip through the state in the interest of more effective man-power in our churches with emphasis on the convention theme, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God." His schedule is as follows:

Sept. 29, 30—Coquille and Myrtle Point.

Oct. 1-5—Douglas County.

Oct. 6-8—McKenzie District and N.C.C.

Oct. 9-11—Willamette District.

Oct. 12—Salem.

Oct. 13—Portland, state convention.

Oct. 14—Vernonia.

Oct. 16-18—Free period at home.

Oct. 19-21—Central Oregon.

Oct. 22—Hermiston.

Oct. 23-24—Eastern Oregon Rally.

Oct. 26—Start meeting at Elgin.

The Ninety and Nine have enjoyed the help and fellowship of Brother Evans, and we regret that we must relinquish him to his first call as the evangelist of our State Mission Board. However, we are, for the most part, all one in our evangelistic effort in the state, and we will still be in close cooperation with him and with the State Board in its evangelistic endeavor. A full time evangelist should be provided for in our new budget and announcement will be made at the convention.

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NORTHWESTERN CHRISTIAN HOME

Mrs. Laura K. Hill, Supt.

In these autumn days the sunshine falls on a rich array of flowers around the building of Northwestern Christian Home. Here, on a peaceful western slope, sheltered from the storms of weather and of the world, a group of aged men and women who have helped to carry the work of the church in building our West, face the sunset of life. In the sheltering arms of the church they have the comfort and care of a home the church has built and maintains in its ministry of Christian benevolence.

Visitors Pass This Way

Many visitors come to the Home to call on guests they know or to see the work the church is doing here. At the same time they help to bring the touch of the busy church of our day.

Among those who recently came this way was Mrs. Alice Scott who is the superintendent of our Child Saving Institute in Omaha, Nebraska. The Child Saving Institute last year served 183 children.

Mrs. Clara Stivers Vernon, well known in the Northwest, but now residing in Santa Barbara, California, came north for a family reunion and took charge at the Home for a few days while Mrs. Hill enjoyed the sea breezes and scenery of the Oregon coast.

Jars, Jars and More Jars

Requests for jars to fill have been so generous this year that our supply is exhausted. They are "all out." If they all come back filled they will help to meet the high cost of food this winter and next spring. We hope many of them will be filled with vegetables. People who did not get jars may be able to help with nuts, dried fruit, apples, and root vegetables.

Our Big Fish Story

Our fish story of the year is about eight salmon sent from Astoria. They provided fish for a number of meals and 29 quarts of canned salmon for future

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NORTHWEST CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

K. E. Burke, President

COLLEGE ENROLLMENT

During the first week of school 190 students enrolled in Northwest Christian College. This is a gain of over 15% above the first week of last year. The quality of students enrolling is high. Some are excellent ministerial material. Many of the advanced students have been delayed in coming. The enrollment for the first term will probably be nearly equal to the total enrollment for the full college year of last school year.

Orientation Services

Chapel services on Tuesday and Wednesday of the first week of school helped the students to become acquainted with college life, other students and the faculty members. Speakers representing the faculty were Dr. K. E. Burke, college president; Professors V. E. Hoven, Walter Fiscus, and Alfred Cromwell. Student body officers speaking were Jesse Johnson, president of the student body, Ivan Correll, George Alder, and Rea Kleinfeldt. Messages were also delivered by college trustees William Baird of Modesto, California, Guy L. Drill, of Salem, and Dr. Victor P. Morris of Eugene. On Wednesday night an informal social was held in Rehm Hall so that students could become better acquainted with each other. Classes began on Thursday. Friday night the students held their annual weiner bake.

Field Representative

Oakley Rhay, who served the college for three years, recently resigned to become associate pastor of the University Christian Church in Seattle. Mr. Rhay served the college in a very fine way. He will be missed from the college circles. The Board of Trustees will announce the name of a new field representative within a few days.

Dormitories

Again this year we are impressed with the need for more dormitory space for both men and women. The two buildings used for women are crowded; we have no dormitory for men. We need new dormitories for both men and women. Several out over the Northwest have been talking about this need and suggesting that the men of the Northwest might take the building of a men's dormitory as a project. Several women have suggested that a worthy project for the women of the Northwest churches

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UNITED CHRISTIAN EDUCATION ADVANCE

A great movement is on its way. United Protestantism dares to attempt to "Reach Every Person with Christian Teaching" during the next four years beginning January 1, 1942. 17,000,000 children in the United States receive no religious instruction; 10,000,000 youth are unreached by Christian influence, and 60,000,000 persons are unchurched. What are we going to do about it? The answer is too big for one religious body, hence all protestant bodies are swinging into action together. Churches of Christ will do their part. Every church will receive a card asking them to enroll in the campaign and they will then receive a packet of helpful literature. Send this card to the state office and it will be forwarded to headquarters. Oregon churches will do their part.

A SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN LIVING

Thompson L. Shannon, First Church, Portland, has successfully demonstrated a new approach to the Sunday evening problem through the School of Christian Living. From 6 until 7 o'clock is a social hour; from 7 until 8 is a class period during which three classes in timely topics are conducted. From 8 until 8:30 there is an essembly for worship. This school runs for six weeks. After a brief recess another six weeks period is conducted and so on through the whole winter. Last winter it increased the attendance about 200%. If anyone is interested in this approach write to Dr. Shannon at 721 S. W. Columbia St., Portland. It is both a personal enrichment and a leadership training course.

"MUST A MAN LIVE?"

Is a message to young people by T. T. Swearingen; written with unique phraseology, punctuated with bits of quaint philosophy, it whets the appetite for more. It is easily the best book of the year. Published by The Christian Board of Publication, St. Louis, Missouri.

OREGON MISSIONARY TIDINGS

Mrs. E. F. Leake, Secretary
MISSIONARY ORGANIZATIONS

WHITE SWAN MISSION

Oregon women this year are turning their attention to the needs of the Yakima Indian Mission at White Swan, Washington. This is a Christian home for Indian boys and girls. The work was established in 1920 and is the only piece of work our brotherhood is doing for the American Indian except through cooperation in the Home Missions Council. Mr. and Mrs. Dallas C. Rice are in charge of the Mission which provides homes for 34 boys and girls this year.

Plans are formulating for the expansion of the work by the erection of a much needed chapel. Classes in home economics are being started this winter for the benefit of the Indian women of the reservation.

Mrs. Rice attended the Youth Meets and presented in a forceful way the work of the Mission to our youth groups.

A list of the needs of the Mission have been sent to all missionary organizations of the state and we are looking forward to a generous response from all our groups in helping to adequately undergird this work.

It should be understood by the Adult organizations that this is not a financial project as was the McCallum Evangelistic Fund of the past year, but a work project to supply needed articles. It is extremely important that we maintain the standard of giving of the past year though we have not assumed a special State project on account of the Emergency Million Drive.

Edna Whipple Gish

Edna Whipple Gish, of China, was the guest of the Oregon churches in October from the 3rd to the 19th. She had a heavy schedule of speaking engagements, bringing stirring messages of the work in China to the three State Youth Fellowship Meets held in Gladstone, Wallowa and Grants Pass, and the District School held in Portland, Salem, Baker, Pendleton, Albany and Roseburg, closing with the evening church service at Medford.

Missionary Federation

The quarterly meeting of the Portland District Missionary Federation was held September 19 at Sellwood Church with Mrs. C. A. Stewart presiding. Eleven churches were represented with a good attendance. Morning devotions were led by Mrs. Howard, of Sellwood; afternoon devotions by Mrs. Helseth, of Camas. Those in attendance were enthusiastic over the meeting and especially high in their praise of the two splendid addresses. The morning address was brought by Chaplain Fleming of the Portland Air Base, and the afternoon address by Mrs. Victor Morris, of Eugene.

A Letter From China

An interesting letter of appreciation of the radiogram was received from J. H. McCallum, of Nanking, China. Excerpts from it are as follows:

"About 12:45 a. m. Monday morning I was listening in on KGEI Missionary Mail Bag and was just about to turn off the radio after I had a message from Eva from Santa Cruz when I heard my name called a second time and I got your splendid message from the Oregon convention group. Thank you all for your thoughtfulness and moral and spiritual support. This Mail Bag is a unique institution. It reaches clear to South Africa and it comes in here as clear as any nearby station. We listen in to a great 'party line.' It seems to me that I heard a message from Hattie Mitchell to Miss Shoemaker or someone in the Congo Mission through Johannesburg. With increasing difficulties with mail, and a chance that it may be cut off, the Mail Bag is all the more important and it has grown into a three hour session. They have arranged it recently in alphabetic sequence. We watch for our turn.

Actual conditions have been quite settled in this area—too much so. But we have been living on the edge of trouble which is even more 'right around the corner' than ever. We have lost a good share of our missionary working staff and we are still short-handed with respect to our Chinese workers which makes it even worse. I have been sort of a fireman, rushing here and there whenever an emergency comes up. I came back this time to put in my full time developing and extending our evangelistic work. We have been reopening work in our Chuchow area and I have been able to go out farther and farther. But it begins to look as though we will have to wait for this present conflict to end before we can extend very far. No-man's land is so close around us and I just missed being caught in the capture of one of our outstations. I was scheduled to go there but was called to Nantungchow.

I have been in all our out-stations this year and we have some fine people in many of our churches. We had 85 young people in our Young Peoples Conference in Hofei. We have 16 young men in this station training to go out into the rural districts. Eight of them are about ready. Beside their religious program they have practical training in improved methods of agriculture and enough medical training to take care of common ailments. Already they are helping to organize and rebuild some of the villages around Luchowfu which had been de-

stroyed. Trees have been planted, roads laid out, ponds dug deeper, new stock brought in, and seeds planted.

Hospitals are full everywhere. Though we are far removed from any battlefield or bombing area there are so many people injured largely from bandits and robbers. The economic pressure is so strong and the temptations are so great.

We are living very simply with our families gone. Several men are each living in separate houses though we do eat together once a day. I have a dog and radio for my companions but I do not lack for visitors when home. We are keeping well and in good spirits and have at least four Daily Vacation Bible Schools going for six weeks this summer.

Should your church groups decide to send a radiogram to the missionaries mail it so it will reach the radio station by Wednesday. It should contain not more than 30 words and should be addressed to the Norman Page Radio Station KGEI, Missionary Mail Bag, San Francisco, California. The message goes out then on Wednesday evening and is relayed across the Pacific and reaches the missionaries Sunday evening. Messages to the missionaries are sent free of charge."

Of General Interest

November plans for the missionary societies will include preparations for the appropriate observance of Woman's Day the first Sunday in December. This year stress must be laid on planning a program by the local group.

Make early plans to send Thanksgiving and Christmas gifts of needed articles to home mission institutions.

Christmas greetings to friends on foreign mission fields should be mailed early in November.

You are urged to give your assistance and support to the Thanksgiving Day special offering of your church and school for the Christian Educational work of our brotherhood. 75% of the offering sent in to Unified Promotion will be returned to Mr. Swander's office for educational work in Oregon.

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O. W. JONES has retired from the active pastorate, but he would respond to a call for a meeting for any church that might use him. We can recommend him both as a preacher and a singer. Address him, Sisters, Oregon.

THE TRI-COUNTY CONVENTION will be held at Beaverton, October 21, 10 a. m. "Christ Calls" is the theme.

THE NEW TAX BILL became effective October 1. It will increase the price of practically all commodities. The cost of living has gone up 10% since June. This is an added argument for our plea in the July-August issue to increase the preacher's salary where it is so small. Give that 10% rise now before he begins to suffer under the load. Be gracious.

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Flag Pole At Turner

A 40-foot flagpole has been cut, dressed and hauled to the convention grounds ready to be erected by the men of the church at Mill City. It is now up to the rest of us to put on a "setting up" exercise to complete the project before the next convention. Thanks, Mill City and Brother Plymale.

State Executive Committee

The State Executive Committee met at Salem Court Street Church on Sunday, Sept. 21, with the following men present: Ray Smith, Ed Dewees, Dr. C. R. Beatty, Clair Martin, Cleve Hudson, Harold Stone, K. I. Dixon, Charles Davis, Kirk Simpson, Ernest Chamberlain, Art Parrish, and B. F. Shoemaker. The Planning and Budget Committee reported its recommendations for next year which were accepted and passed to the state convention for adoption.

Douglas County

Ernest Snodgrass, of Myrtle Creek, reports a meeting of the local Ninety and Nine group on September 16 which was attended by men from the Roseburg church with Pastor John Barney as guest speaker. These men are cooperating in a plan to help the little church at Riddle from which work B. L. Hicks recently resigned. Both John Barney and Harry Baird have preached at Riddle recently and the men are supporting it in other ways. Wayne Osborne has been engaged as student pastor and Ross Evans will hold a brief meeting there in October.

The men of Glide have also organized a Ninety and Nine group and will help in county evangelistic projects.

Willie White, of Sweet Home, will hold a meeting at Myrtle Creek in November.

Tillamook

A letter from O. G. Wheeler, of Tillamook, states that the sawmill at Garibaldi is being rebuilt for a long run and rumors indicate that there will soon be several hundred families living there which will present both a problem and a challenge to Tillamook and to Ninety and Niners over the state. We understand that Tillamook has called Richard DeVilliers as pastor, and we wish to welcome him to this great fellowship of Christian men.

Eastern Oregon

Plans are being developed for an Eastern Oregon men's rally to be held at La Grande on Friday, October 24, with B. Ross Evans as principal speaker and "pepper-upper." Len Fishback, of Baker, E. L. Draper and Art Stanley, of La Grande, have been thinking along this line for some time and we are happy the meeting is soon to be held. It is hoped that a definite district organization can be completed, and that arrangements can be made for a boys camp and other evangelistic work.

Central Oregon

The men of our churches at Redmond, Sisters and Bend, expect to get together on Monday, October 20, at Redmond, for a Central Oregon rally, and B. Ross Evans is scheduled to meet with them as special speaker and to tell them more of the opportunities and challenges that come to Christian men in united service. Brother Evans will speak at Sisters on Sunday morning, the 19th, and at Bend in the evening. With several men from this section attending the state convention in Portland first hand reports of that great meeting will be of double interest.

Northwest District

Charles C. Curtis, evangelist, brought a forceful message to a hundred men attending the district rally at Kern Park Christian Church, September 22, his subject being, "God's Men." Clair Martin, District Chairman, presided, assisted by Art Bailey, song leader, and Dr. C. R. Beatty, who had charge of the entertainment. About $70.00 was contributed toward the district goal for state work. Roland Johnson, of St. Johns, was the pianist.

A party of Ninety and Niners conducted the service at Molalla recently where Medford Jones has been carrying on his work and presented the little church with 30 hymn books which were paid for by a special offering taken at the Turner boys camp.

Tan-Ditter, The Jew

The Tan-Ditters have just closed a fine meeting with Elery Parrish and the church at Multnomah and, as their custom is, they sang several songs at the rally, including the "Hornet Song." They expect to begin a campaign at Gladstone on October 5, and will appreciate seeing their many friends among those present. A new neon sign with the words, "GOD CARES FOR YOU" has been hung in the window of the Jewish Mission on S. W. First Avenue, and is creating much attention from the Jewish people of that section.

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BEND is making fast progress on their new building. It will be one of the most beautiful, and most serviceable buildings in the state when it is completed. W. I. Palmer is the lucky pastor.

GLEN BALLARD is another Oregon boy who got tired of the perpetual sunshine of California and came home. He is at Elgin. Welcome!

STATE MISSIONS

C. F. Swander, Secretary

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The State Educational Committee met recently and took some forward steps. Chief among them was the first step toward a State Children's Committee. This committee will be jointly formed by the Educational Committee and the Women's State Board. Mrs. Laura Torgerson, St. Johns Church, has been chosen chairman. The rest of the personnel is yet in the making. Mrs. Torgerson will be available for a limited amount of field work during the year. This move now makes all the more imperative the offerings on Thanksgiving Sunday. Oregon shares largely in this offering and it is the only source of income for the Educational Committee. Send the offering to Department of Religious Education, 2700 Pine Street, St. Louis Missouri.

By this time most of the schools will have observed Rally Day. Did you take the Rally Day offering for State Missions? If not, do not let it pass entirely by without observance. This offering goes to assist the State Director to spend a portion of his time with educational work. Send it to the state office, 307 Panama Building, Portland, Oregon.

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SEPTEMBER OFFERINGS

CHURCHES: Falls City, $10.00; Gladstone, $9.00; Kern Park, $10.57; Nyssa, $2.00; Odell, $3.00; Ontario, $2.50; Salem First, $20.65; Woodburn, $10.55; Vernonia, $7.50.

SCHOOLS: Ontario, $1.00; Yoncalla, $10.00; Brownsville, $5.05.

INDIVIDUALS: D. E. Reed and wife, $21.00; Mrs. Joy Talbot, 50c; Claude Sabin, $2.50; Mrs. A. M. Peterson, $5.00.

PERMANENT FUND: Interest earnings, $10.13; Principal, $86.72.

October should see a marked pick-up in the receipts. The Rally Day offerings should come in very largely. Our program is expanding and the offerings must expand if we are to keep even. Send all offerings for state work to C. F. Swander, 307 Panama Building, Portland, Oregon.

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W. W. WHITE has resigned at Sweet Home to enter the evangelistic field. We can heartily recommend him. Write him at Sweet Home for dates.

MILTON W. BOWER is the new pastor at Sheridan. He is an Oregon boy who got tired of sage brush and sand and came home to Oregon. Welcome!

GENE ROBINSON is the new pastor at Turner. Congratulations to both.

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use. Generous contributions of meat from Brother O. E. Davidson, of Harrisburg, and Brother A. F. Linn, of Hood River, gave a big lift on the grocery bill.

Out In The Yard

A total of many pleasant hours have been enjoyed by members of the family in the lawn seat provided by Mrs. Mary E. Parker, of Portland First.

We Are In The Movies Now

On a recent trip in West Washington Walter L. Myers showed the colored moving pictures of the Home to 21 groups. They were received with enthusiastic interest and there were many compliments on the excellent work done by Brother J. Eric Carlson in taking pictures.

A New Calendar,

Among the literature of benevolence for 1942 is a beautiful wall calendar with pictures of the buildings of six homes for the aged and six homes for children. If you want a copy to hang in the church through 1942 drop us a card and we will see that you get one.—W. L. M.

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The MID-COLUMBIA County Rally was held at Dufur on September 8. A good attendance was there and the program was timely. The State Secretary gave the closing message.

C. ADRIAN SIAS will hold a meeting at Toledo in October. He is open for evangelistic engagements. Write him at 137 Almond St., Ashland, Oregon. Milton Faxon is pastor at Toledo.

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MRS. GALIN JORDAN

It was a great shock to receive news of the death of Mrs. Galin Jordan at Salinas, California, on September 9, in an automobile wreck. Bonnie, a daughter, was killed with her mother, and Patsy, another daughter was hurt in the wreck. Chaplain Jordan is stationed in the Islands and was expecting the soon arrival of his family. Our sympathy goes out to him.

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ST. HELENS observed their 14th birthday message, Sept. 21. The marks of improvement are plain—a painted church house, a green lawn, a gravelled walk, curtains in the sanctuary, and a bath room for the preacher. Walter A. Barnes is the pastor and he is doing a fine work there. We will hear more from St. Helens.

BOOKS FOR SALE: Della H. Burns, Monmouth, has books from a preacher's library which she wishes to sell. Among them is the Pulpit Commentary, Matthew Henry's Commentary, Systematic Theology, and others. Write her for prices.

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could be the erection of a girl's dormitory. A man who was in the office just the other day looked out over the campus and said, "I have dreamed for years of a fine dormitory building right out there on the south side of the campus." Pray that God will lay this matter upon the hearts of those able to see such a project through.

New House Mother

Mrs. Jennie Ewing, of Boise, Idáho, has been called to the college to serve as house mother for Chapman Hall, a girl's dormitory. Mrs. Ewing knows young people, having been a leader of youth groups in the East, Long Beach, California, and Boise, Idaho.

Campus Guests

The college year opens with many friends visiting the campus for the opening days. The college is always happy to have guests on the campus. An invitation is extended to you to come to the campus to spend a day visiting classes and chapel. Chapel services are held each Tuesday and Thursday.

Finances

Brethren, keep in mind that we are buying the college campus. February 1 calls for a payment of $5,000.

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WILLAMINA is growing at a rapid rate. A visit with them on September 28 was encouraging. Harlan Woodruff is pastor.

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NEWPORT burned their note on September 14 after 12 years of effort. They are happy. The State Secretary helped them rejoice.

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KLAMATH FALLS held a meeting in September with H. J. Bass leading. C. Adrian Sias led the song. A. C. Bates is pastor.

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ONTARIO church entered a float in the county fair and drew first prize of $25.00. It represented the effect of Christianity on the home.

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ODELL observed home-coming day September 7. The State Secretary was with them in an all day service. Gilbert Carey is their pastor.

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BEAVERTON has built two new class rooms, reshingled the church roof, and installed aids for the hard of hearing. 44 have been added since the first of the year. Geo. W. Springer is pastor.